

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph beginning on line 1, as follows:

This application is a Divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/720,791 filed on December 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,907,407 B1, issued June 14, 2005, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/720,791, now U.S. Patent No. 6,907,407 B1, issued June 14, 2005, is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/03513 filed on June 30, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application Nos. 10-187056 filed in Japan on July 2, 1998 and 10-187057 filed in Japan on July 2, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.